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SUBJ: SECOND DRAFT OF BIKINI EX GRATIA LEGISLATION

DOA NO. -059-TT

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE
CONCERNING THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE BIKINI EX GRATIA PAYMENT LEGISLATION

WHICH FOLLOWS: QUOTE A BILL. BE IN ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED,

THAT THERE IS AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR IN RECOGNITION OF THE HARDSHIP SUFFERED BY THE PEOPLE OF BIK-
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DUE TO DISPLACEMENT FROM THEIR ATOLL SINCE 1946 THE SUM OF \$2,270,000,

EX GRATIA. SUCH SUM SHALL BE PAID TO A TRUSTEE SELECTED BY THE KILI/
BIKINI COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO BE HELD IN TRUST PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF A TRUST AGREEMENT OR AMENDMENT THERETO AGREED TO BY THE
KILI/BIKINI COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST

TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF AND DISTRI-

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BUTION TO PERSONS WHO POSSES RIGHTS IN BIKINI ATOLL. PROVISION MY BE

MADE IN THE TRUST INSTRUMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF TRUST INCOME AND COR-
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BY THE TRUSTEE DIRECTLY TO THE KILI/BIKINI COUNCIL FOR DISTRIBUTION,
ACCORDING TO CUSTOMS AND TRADITION, TO PERSONS WHO POSSES RIGHTS IN
BIKINI ATOLL. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TRUST TERRITORY

OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY
CAUSE OF ACTION IN LAW OR QUITY ARISING FORM THE ADMINISTRATION OR
DISTRIBUTION OF THE TRUST FUNDS. UNQUOTE. ACTING DOTA SENDS
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